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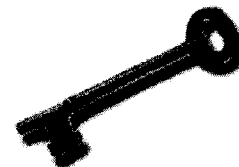
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Since March of 2009 Ms. Walls has worked as the Executive Director for the Alliance of People with disabilities. Our mission is "People with disabilities advocating for equality and choice." The organization provides an array of services for individuals living with a disability in King County. There are two offices which are located in Seattle and Redmond. The majority of staff and Board are people with disabilities and provide peer support to empower others with disabilities.

Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director for the Alliance of People with disabilities Lucille served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities. She served in this position for six years under Governor Bob Taft (R) and Governor Ted Strickland (D). The council was a 21 member governor appointed body that reviewed legislation, recommended programs and worked on the rights of Ohioans with disabilities.

Ms. Walls completed her B.A.S.W. at Michigan State University. She then attended The University of Michigan (Go Blue!) on a full scholarship and earned a Master of Arts in Social Work with an emphasis in Community Organization and Social Policy. At the University of South Carolina she completed a Master of Science in Public Health. This education was in the field of Epidemiology, Injury and Violence. Her thesis won the Emily Thompson Award and was published by Sage Publications. The Emily Thompson Award is given to research that contributes to the health of women.

Ms. Walls also lived and worked in southern California. In California she worked as a Lead Epidemiologist for a consortium of twelve Indian reservations. She also worked as the Executive Director of Community Access Center which is a non-profit Independent Living Center. In both of these positions according to Lucille, "I worked with a great staff. Through our efforts we were able to secure more than \$1.0 million for new programs."

At heart I am a true numbers person. When my husband asked me to marry him I answered by saying "we have nine risk factors for divorce". With all of our differences race, gender, nationality, etc. we seem to excel. In fact, last year a college student told us "you two have the most normal and happy marriage of anyone I know."

As an undergraduate college student I lost my vision. Since I never found it, I remain blind. It is my opinion that this is only a slight inconvenience, and I refuse to let it limit me. To this effect I have lived in five different States, visited 47 States and all seven of the continents. I had a cobra around my neck in Egypt. In Australia I traveled on nine different modes of transportation. And, in Antarctica felt the waves from sixteen Orca whales going under our ship at the same time.

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